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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Does the Hon. Minister think that the people, who have been looking after the trees, will look after them carefully in future in view of the enhanced taxation? Will they not put them to improper use like cutting the trees down and so on?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The point why the tax was raised is because the tax was fixed long, long ago. Considering the present rise in the level of prices, we have slightly increased the tax.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Who are looking after the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Avenue trees? The people in the Highways Department are looking after them.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the tenants who live nearby take care of the trees and that they have been making use of the trees paying only a nominal tax to the Government? In view of the enhancement of the tax will they not misuse the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No; if any private person was enjoying the usufructs; it was on account of the tree patta granted to him. When the tree patta is given, he is allowed to enjoy the usufructs. The rate has now been increased. As regards misuse, it all depends upon the character of the people. Misuse is not only in respect of these trees. There is misuse in respect of many things. It is a reflection of the character of the people.

Welfare of Backward Classes

* 145 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government were represented in the Conference of State Ministers in charge of Welfare of Backward Classes held in January and February 1960 at New Delhi;

(*b*) if so, the recommendations made by this Government for the Welfare of Backward Classes of this State; and

(*c*) the decisions, if any, on those recommendations?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government did not make any specific recommendation at the conference for the welfare of Backward Classes in this State. There was a general discussion on the agenda placed before the conference by the Government of India.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU: தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்களுக்காகச் செய்யவேண்டிய வேலைகள் ராஜ்யங்களில் துரிதமாக நடக்க வில்லை என்று மத்திய அரசாங்க உள்துறை மந்திரி அவர்கள்

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வருத்தம் தெரிவித்ததைப் பத்திரிகையில் பார்த்தேன். ராஜ்யங்களில் இந்த வேலைகள் துரிதமாக நடக்க என்ன ஆலோசனை இந்த மகாநாட்டில் கூறப்பட்டது என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் சொல்வாரா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The conference has suggested further delegation of authority to the States to reappropriate funds from one group to another within the same category of Backward Classes. The Government of India have since conveyed their approval to the delegation of powers to the State Governments for more expeditious implementation of welfare schemes.

The conference has considered it absolutely essential that steps should be taken to ensure preparation of timely and accurate progress reports and has recommended that in each State Department in charge of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and tribes a special unit should be established to consolidate reports received from the field. It is proposed to consider the question of supply of printed forms for progress reports in consultation with the Director of Harijan Welfare and also to create one section in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare for the timely and accurate preparation of progress reports.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: இவர்களுக்கு வீடு 3-20 p.m.
கட்டிக் கொடுக்கும் திட்டம் ஏதாவது உண்டா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: திட்டம் உண்டு. இந்தக் குறிப்பிட்ட இடத்தின் விலை இவ்வளவு என்ற முறையில் அரசாங்கம் இடங்களுக்கு விலை குறிப்பிட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த விலையில் பாதியைக் கொடுக்க அவர்கள் முன்வந்தால் அதைச் செய்யலாம்.

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya

* 146 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a school under the management of Sri Ramakrishna Mission trains students in Engineering at Coimbatore; and

(*b*) whether the diploma granted by the institution is recognised by the Government and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore, conducts a diploma course in Civil and Rural Engineering of 3 years' duration. The final examinations are held and diplomas are awarded to the successful candidates by the National Council for Rural Higher Education. The question of recognition of the diploma for purposes of appointment under this Government is under consideration.